

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(a) Two aminadars and twelve peons.

(b) Do.

(c) The whole staff generally, but sometimes only one aminadar and six peons.

(d) Cranganur has not been contributing anything towards the pay of the Superintendent, his staff and the Inspector.

(e) From 1097.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this to compensate the loss for the Government in not receiving anything from Cranganur for the Superintendent's pay? Is it as a matter of compensation that they are asked to work outside Cranganur?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Not as a compensation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What portion of the pay of the Superintendent has to be derived from Cranganur?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know when all these officers are to work in Cranganur alone how is it that the Government make up the loss? It is said that, because the Superintendent does not receive any part of his pay from Cranganur, these people who are to work in Cranganur are asked to work in Cochin.

Mr. C. V. Antony.—It is not given as a reason. We have stated facts, that is all.

645. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) what is the sanctioned establishment of the Excise Department for Cranganur and (b) whether any of this staff was working outside Cranganur during any period in the last three years; and if so, from where is their pay for the period drawn?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(a) Vide answer to question No. 644 (a).

(b) Yes.

(c) From the Cranganur Treasury.

Transport of teak topplings.

646. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the file relating to Dis. No. 731/D/1101 of the Southern Divisional Forest Office and to state what are the final orders in the matter of the transit of teak topplings referred to therein;

(b) what was the explanation of the Plantation Ranger in this matter and what is the report of the Tanadar?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) & (b). Government do not consider it necessary to place the Dis. file referred to on the